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Joan's Real World: Prairie Pedagogy

The drought on the prairies has taken a terrible toll on the ranchers. No feed and water means that ranchers are selling their herds. Of course, the consequences are now moving into the small towns. South Dakota relies on property taxes to support schools. If ranchers are in trouble, schools are in trouble. It is tragic to watch towns fade away. Faith is the nearest little town to our ranch; it is 28 miles away.

Destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country. --William Jennings Bryan, 1896